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STATESBORO – Georgia Southern guard [Tookie Brown](#) is one of 64 seniors invited to participate in the Portsmouth Invitational, a four-day, 12-game tournament in front of representatives from every NBA team April 17-20 in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Brown will play for Portsmouth Sports Club, and his first contest is Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m. He'll play again Friday either at 3:15 p.m. or 9 p.m., depending on the result of the first contest.

Brown was named *Associated Press* All-America Honorable Mention, Sun Belt Player of the Year, first-team All-Sun Belt, first-team National Association of Basketball Coaches all-district and the Georgia College Men's Player of the Year by the Atlanta Tipoff Club after averaging 17.3 points, 4.7 assists and 4.2 rebounds and shooting 49.6 percent from the field.

He is the first player in league history to earn first-team All-Sun Belt accolades all four years and was named first-team all-district by the NABC all four seasons. Brown is the first Eagle to be named conference Player of the Year since Elton Nesbitt in 2006 (Southern), and it is the sixth time an Eagle has been named conference Player of the Year. Nesbitt was also the last Eagle to be named honorable mention all-america, earning the honor in 2006.

The only player in Sun Belt history with over 2,000 points and 500 assists, Brown ranks fourth on the Sun Belt career scoring list, ninth in assists and 19th in steals. He finished his career at Georgia Southern as the all-time leader in Division I scoring (2,290 points), games played (129), games started (125) and free throws (608). He also ranks in the top-10 in career field goals (4th - 741), assists (3rd - 526), steals (3rd - 197), free-throw percentage (6th - .773), 3-point percentage (6th - .375) and 3-pointers made (9th - 200).

About the Portsmouth Invitational

Each year for 67 years the P.I.T has invited 64 of the best college basketball players (seniors) from across the nation to participate in a four-day, twelve game tournament in front of representatives from every NBA team. The tournament drew the attention of NBA Scouts and General Managers in the 1970's when players like Rick Barry, Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, Dave Cowens, John Lucas and Bobby Cremins came to Portsmouth to play. Soon the word spread and approximately 200 Scouts, General Managers and Representatives of all 30 NBA teams began to come to see players like John Stockton, Dennis Rodman, Tim Hardaway, Scottie Pippen and others. Today scouts from numerous international leagues have joined in on the annual April pilgrimage to Portsmouth. Over the years the P.I.T. has been a showcase for five of the 50 greatest players in NBA History (Rick Barry, Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, Dave Cowens, John Stockton, Scottie Pippen) and for many others who have gone on to NBA stardom including 2015 NBA All-Star Jimmy Butler.

